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PRESS RELEASE

**DAGSBORO MAN ARRESTED ON
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

Colm F. Connolly, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, announced today that Brad Lee Derrickson, age 21, of Dagsboro, Delaware, was arrested today on child pornography charges. An indictment¹ was returned against Derrickson on February 27, 2007, charging five counts of receiving child pornography by computer, and five counts of receipt of obscene depictions of children. Each count is punishable by not less than five years and not more than twenty years incarceration and a \$250,000 fine. The Indictment also charges one count of possession of child pornography, punishable by a maximum penalty of ten years incarceration and a \$250,000 fine.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. U.S. Attorney Connolly stated that "This office is committed to bringing to justice those who prey on our youth."

¹ An indictment is merely an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

On the government's motion, Derrickson was detained pending a hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 6 at 10 a.m.

For more information about Project Safe Childhood, visit www.projectsafecchildhood.gov.

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